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Assistant Director, OCD

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Deputy Assistant Director, OSI

Opening of Mail

1. Reference is made to attached memorandum from Administrative Officer, OSI, to Administrative Officer, OCD, above subject, dated 20 October 1949, and indorsements thereon.

2. Reference memorandum was not in sufficient detail to permit you to have all the essential facts. These facts are presented herein together with a revised request which involves only one individual, namely, [REDACTED] The remaining names listed in paragraph 1 of reference memorandum were included therein through a misunderstanding.

3. The "restricted material" referred to in paragraph 2 of reference memorandum consists of three general types:

a. "Restricted data" as defined in Section 10(b)(1) of the Atomic Energy Act.

b. Information received from members of the JNEIC.

c. Material received from the State Department pertaining to AEC operations overseas.

4. Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 10 of the Atomic Energy Act, the Atomic Energy Commission has decreed that dissemination of "restricted data" shall be limited to those individuals having AEC clearances. "Restricted data" documents further classified up to and including "secret" have been transmitted by the AEC and IAC agencies to NED/OSI through the normal mail channels with those agencies. Top secret "restricted data" is usually transmitted by special messenger direct to NED/OSI. Theoretically, all mail containing "restricted data" is so stamped on the inner envelope, together with the normal security classification. Inasmuch as OCD personnel do not have AEC clearance, their opening, and processing of "restricted data" material would be a violation of the AEC security regulations which CIA must honor. The practical result of OCD opening and processing "restricted data" would be that AEC would refuse to permit such data to be disseminated to CIA. This would completely negate the effectiveness of NED/OSI. Therefore, it is requested that mail stamped "restricted data" be sent to the addressee without opening or other processing by OCD.

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Note: There is no known instance in which "restricted data" has been opened or processed by OCD. In fact, until two or three weeks ago, all mail stamped "to be opened by the addressee only" and addressed to [] was delivered without being opened or processed by OCD. However, since OCD now seems to be opening such mail, the foregoing request and the request in paragraph 7 below are made. 25X1A9A

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5. The second type of material is that which may be received from any of the members of the JNEIC (Army, Air, Navy, State and AEC) addressed to [] as the CIA representative. This material does not represent information not available to CIA, but constitutes essentially working papers pertaining to the routine operation of JNEIC. Consequently, these should not receive general dissemination.

6. The third type of material is information received from the State Department pertaining to AEC operations overseas which are conducted by the State Department. This information covers such items as negotiations with foreign governments for raw materials and for control of material used in atomic research and development, as well as some strictly atomic energy intelligence of primary interest to NED/OSI. The material pertaining to negotiations with foreign governments is of considerable importance to NED/OSI. The Chief, NED/OSI is certain that if the State Department becomes aware that dissemination of this information within CIA is not limited to NED/OSI, the information will be cut off.

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7. In view of the foregoing, it is requested that mail addressed to [] or Chief, NED/OSI and marked "to be opened by addressee only" be forwarded to the addressee without opening and further processing by OCD. OSI will undertake to inform OCD of any information therein which would be of interest to other offices of CIA and which can be given such further dissemination without jeopardizing the source.

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